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September 28, 2007

Ron Kosinski, Deputy Director
Dept. of Transportation, Dist. 7
100 South Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Kosinski,

I write to express my support for Alternative 2 in the DEIR for the 405 Sepulveda Pass HOV Lane Project, and to urge you to accomplish the following objectives in the design and construction of the project:

- eliminate takings of homes in the Sherman Oaks Valley Vista neighborhood;
- avoid re-alignment of Sepulveda Blvd;
- preserve the LADOT right-of-way along Sepulveda Blvd;
- ensure that the median down the center of the 405 is of sufficient width to allow for the provision of public transit;
- provide a means of protecting the wildlife that utilizes corridors on both sides of the 405 freeway; and,
- provide for adequate ingress and egress for the schools on Mulholland, and for the communities in Bel Air Crest, Roscomare Valley and Mountaingate during reconstruction of the Mulholland, Skirball Center Drive and Getty Center Drive bridges across the 405, and for the communities of Brentwood, Brentwood Glen, Bel Air and Westwood Hills during reconstruction of the Sunset Blvd. bridge.

As you know, I fought very hard to obtain the funding for this project - funding that otherwise would have gone to a project elsewhere in the state. I continue to believe that adding an HOV lane to the existing northbound 405 between National Blvd. and the 101 Freeway would provide measurable relief from the untenable congestion on the Westside of Los Angeles County.

I want to thank Caltrans administration and staff for their efforts to listen to the communities that would be affected by the alternatives set forth in the DEIR, and for making corresponding changes to address community concerns. This is a complex undertaking, but I am optimistic that, by working together with all the stakeholders, Caltrans can complete it in a manner that is sensitive to surrounding communities, timely and cost effective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Feuer".

Mike Feuer
Assemblymember, 42nd District